

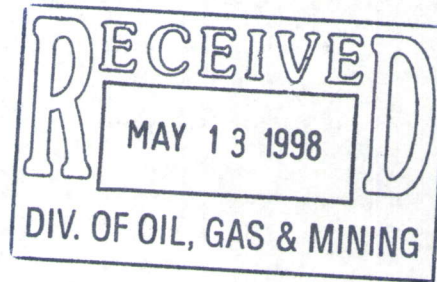
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Re: Gilsonite Lease **UTU 76312**
Sec.15,,T9S-R24E
Uintah Co., Utah
Little Bonanza vein Mine Plan

*SHAFT No. 8
AMENDMENT*

Dear Pete:

In conformance with our phone conversation of last week regarding the submission to your office of additional data on the above described Mine Plan, please include the report which I hand carried to your office as being "Supplemental Information" and not as an "Environmental Assessment".

With regard to your questions concerning the escapeways, please be advised that Ziegler's old shaft B-8 will be used as an escapeway for Shaft B-3 and Shaft B-3 will be utilized as an escapeway for Shaft B-8. Upon the completion of mining operations, both shafts will be sealed in conformance with the plans for closure as set forth in the Mining Plans for the Cowboy Mine and the Tom Taylor Mine which are on file in your office.

With reference to access roads, please be advised that **no new access roads will be used during the mining operations** under the Mine Plan on this lease. The existing County Road is the only road that will be used.

The old areas where gilsonite was spread out on the surface for drying and marked on the enclosed map with an "x" will be ripped and dozed to restore the land to as near the original contours as is possible. The soil will then be seeded with a mixture of rye grass, rabbit brush, winterfat, yellow clover and four winged salt bush or whatever else your people may wish to use.

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No exploratory drilling or coring is anticipated under this Mine Plan. In the event that this should change, an Amended Mine Plan will be submitted for your approval prior to any activity in this field of endeavor.

With reference to the Uintah County Class D road, this is to inform you that this road is not an integral part of the Mine Plan and therefore would not be reclaimed at the end of the gilsonite mining on the lease as it is recognized as a part of the Uintah County network of roads.


The corner of the sacking plant which protrudes onto the lease will be addressed prior to the cessation of mining on the lease by making application to the BLM Realty Division by making a "Use" application which will take care of this problem.

With reference to the access road around the northeast end of the sacking plant, this road will be reclaimed by ripping and dozing the surface and releaving the area to the original contour of the land and then reseeded in conformance with the approval of the BLM with regard to the seed mixture as proposed or as modified by your office.

If there is anything else which you need or require in the Mine Plan submittal and the Addendum Report, please let me know.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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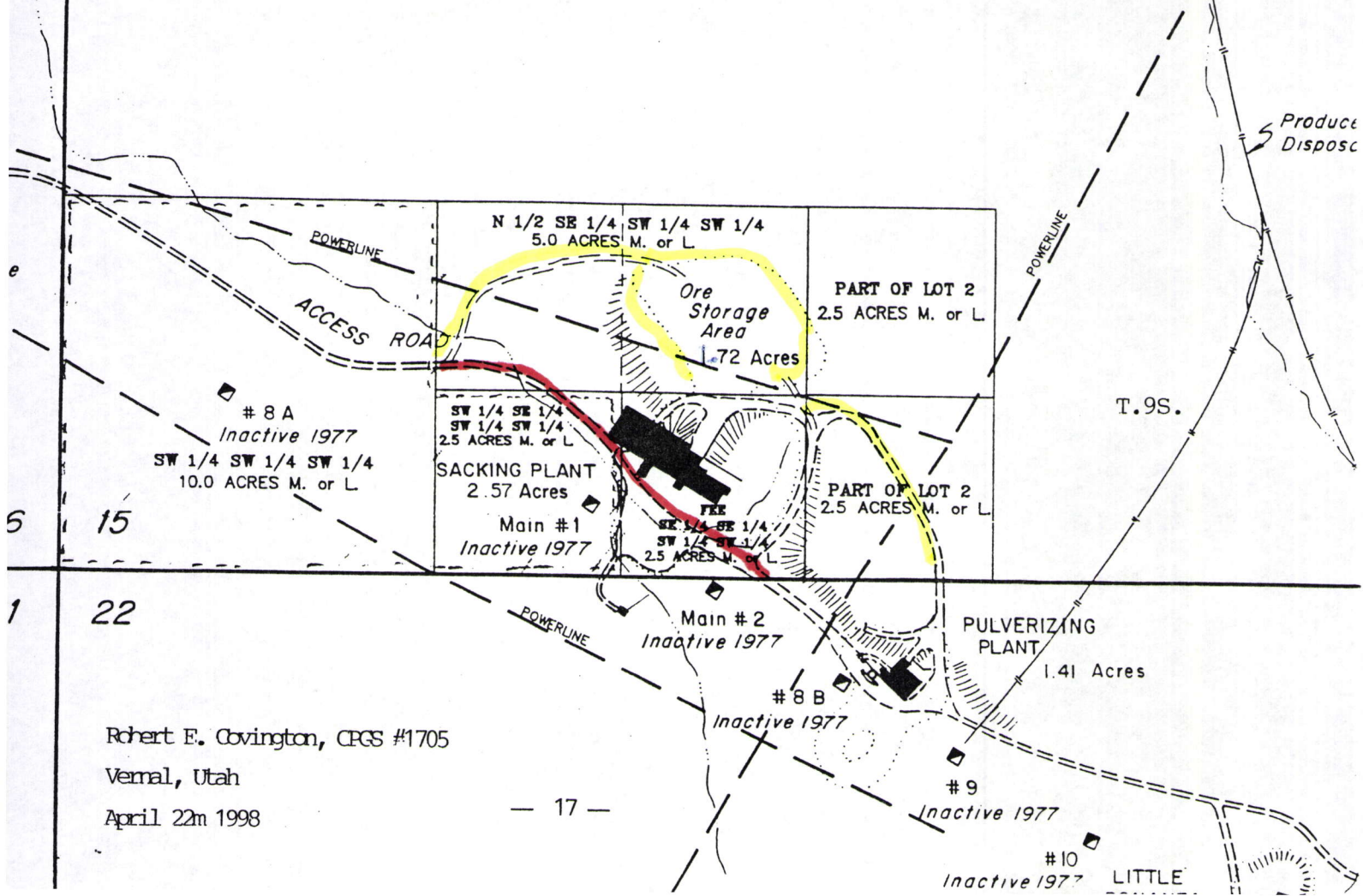
- existing disturbances on lease
- class D road

MAP ACCOMPANYING MINE PLAN ADDENDUM REPORT OF 3-28-98
SHOWING ROADS WHICH WILL BE RECLAIMED AFTER CESSATION OF MINING

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